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REPORTS.

VEGETABLES.

The show of vegetables was as excellent as in any former exhibition and elicited praise for its full and luxuriant growth and uniformity of size, and we feel that the contributors are well entitled to the following premiums and gratuities:

D. W. & R. E. Burgess, collection, first premium, $10.
Franklin H. Folger, collection, second premium, $8.
Hiram C. Folger, collection, third premium, $6.
W. W. McIntosh, collection, fourth premium, $4.
Charles W. Gardner, collection, fifth premium, $2.
O. C. Backus, best lot potatoes, first premium, $1.
Frank P. Chadwick, second premium, 75 cents.
E. H. Alley, third premium, 50 cents.
John V. Smith, fourth premium, 25 cents.
C. W. Gardner, lot of rye, first premium, 75 cents.
W. W. McIntosh, second premium, 50 cents.
John V. Smith, lot of carrots, first premium, 75 cents.
George H. Gardner, second premium, 50 cents.
J. V. Smith, lot of parsnips, first premium, 75 cents.
D. W. & R. E. Burgess, pumpkins, first premium, 75 cents.
Albert C. Bartlett, second premium, 50 cents.
D. W. & R. E. Burgess, cabbages, first premium, 75 cents.
F. P. Chadwick, corn, first premium, $1.

GRATUITIES.

Albert C. Bartlett, box potatoes, 25 cents; two lots of squashes, 25 cents.

George H. Gardner, basket potatoes, 25 cents.

Edward Boden, basket potatoes, 25 cents.

E. H. Alley, cucumbers and sweet corn, 50 cents.

Arthur P. Stevens, cucumbers, 25 cents.

Lester G. Gardner, squashes, 25 cents.

John V. Smith, peppers and squashes, 50 cents.

Charles H. Starbuck, bunch Howells Evergreen corn, 25 cents.

Edward Boden, three varieties corn and one variety Hubbard squash, $1.

C. S. Jenkins, remarkable growth sunflower, 50 cents.

Benjamin Rogers, stalk with sunflower, 25 cents.

Edward Boden, card show specimen corn, 25 cents.

This branch in the exhibition at our County Fairs forms a very important feature in the show, and should be liberally encouraged by allowances to committees on awards for gratuities on special varieties. The fourth premium on display of single varieties is but twenty-five cents, and there is sometimes a variety at the Fair outside of regular premiums that for excellency, merits as an exhibition more than twenty-five cents. We would suggest that the amount allowed be increased, and be larger than $40.

Respectfully submitted,

ALEXANDER MACY,
ANDREW M. MYRICK, } Committee.

PLOWING.

The Committee on Plowing for 1885 submit the following report, viz: There was but one horse team entered, and we award the first premium of $6 to Wallace Andrews, believing the work so well done as to leave little doubt he would have taken it if there had been competi-

tion. Of ox teams there were four entries. Three of the competitors did their work so nearly equally well as to render it a very nice matter to make the awards, which are made according to our best judgment; and we trust they will prove satisfactory to the society and to the parties interested. We award to

John H. Bartlett, first premium, $6.
Harry Dunham, second premium, $5.
Richard E. Burgess, third premium, $4.
Benjamin H. Alley, fourth premium, $3.

W. W. McIntosh,
Charles M. Thomas, } Committee.
Joseph A. Johnson,

MARES AND COLTS.

Your committee report the following awards:

Frank Mitchell, mare with colt by her side, first premium, $5.

James Flood, do., do., do., second premium, $4.

Burgess Brothers, colt Tristram, 4 years old, gratuity, $3; Dionis, 2 years, first premium, $3; colt 13 months old, first premium, $2.

J. M. Folger, Jr., Dionis, 3 years, first premium, $4.

For the Committee,

William T. Swain.

FAMILY, DRAUGHT AND WALKING HORSES.

Your committee make the following report:

FAMILY HORSES.

Charles F. Coffin, Island Boy, first premium, $4.
Roland B. Hussey, Leo, second premium, $3.
J. M. Folger, Jr., third premium, $2.

DRAUGHT HORSES.

S. L. Lewis, Jr., Robin, first premium, $3.
Sidney B. Folger, Dick, second premium, $2.

GENTLEMEN'S DRIVING HORSES.

Your committee return the following awards as their decisions in this department:

Burgess Brothers, Gray Mare, first premium, $5.
S. L. Lewis, Jr., Charlie, second premium, $4.
J. M. Folger, Jr., third premium, $3.

CHARLES M. THOMAS,
ALEX. M. MYRICK,
MATTHEW MACY,
} Committee.

EQUESTRIAN PERFORMANCE.

In this department there were but two entries, and to Dr. J. A. Kite and lady we award the first premium, $8.

For the Committee,

W. H. BURGESS.

COWS AND HEIFERS.

THOROUGHBREDS.

There were only two entries in this class—both of them Ayrshires—the property of D. W. & R. E. Burgess.

Broken Horn, first premium, $5.
Bessie, second premium, $4.

For the Committee,

HIRAM C. FOLGER.

GRADE JERSEYS AND MIXED GRADES.

Of this class there were but five entries, and the premiums awarded were as follows:

Burgess Brothers, herd mixed grade, first premium, $5.
Michael Nevins, 3-4 Jersey cow, Nettie, 5 years old, first premium, $3.
Burgess Brothers, 2 years old heifer in milk, first premium, $3.
James Norcross, do., do., do., do., first premium, $3.
A. S. Mowry, yearling Jersey heifer, first premium, $2.

For the Committee,

GEORGE B. STARBUCK.

GRADE AYRSHIRES.

James Norcross, Lottie, 5 years old, first premium, $3.
B. F. Worth, Buttercup, 4 years, second premium, $2.
S. B. Folger, Mattie, 6 years, gratuity, $1.
F. P. Chadwick, heifer 3 years old, third premium, $1.
J. H. Bartlett, do., do., do., do., gratuity, $1.
Burgess Bros., 2 years old heifer, first premium, $2.50.
S. B. Folger, do., do., do., do., second premium, $1.50.
J. H. Bartlett, do., do., do., do., Cora, gratuity, $1.
W. S. Chadwick, yearling Dolly, first premium, $2.

For the Committee,

BENJAMIN F. WORTH.

NATIVES.

B. F. Worth, Rosa, 6 years old, first premium, $2.
Michael Nevins, Rosa, 7 years old, second premium, $1.
B. F. Worth, Aunt Love, 9 years old, gratuity, $1.
B. F. Worth, Pink, 3 years old, gratuity, $1.
F. P. Chadwick, Blossom, 3 years old, gratuity, $1.
George Norcross, Daisy, 2 years old, in milk, first premium, $2.

For the Committee,

J. A. STEINGARDT.

BULLS.

O. C. Backus, Prince, 3 years old, first premium, $8.

For the Committee,

F. P. CHADWICK.

WORKING OXEN AND STEERS.

Burgess Brothers entered four yoke working oxen, and received first, second and fourth premiums, $5, $4 and $2 respectively.

G. B. Starbuck, yoke working oxen, 4 years old, third premium, $3.

W. W. McIntosh, yoke working oxen, 11 years old, gratuity, $2.

John H. Bartlett, yoke working oxen, 4 years old, gratuity, $2.

W. H. Bartlett, yoke working oxen, 4 years old, gratuity, $2.

George Norcross, yoke steers, 2 years old, first premium, $3.

John H. Bartlett, yoke steers, 2 years old, second premium, $2.

John H. Bartlett, yoke steers, 2 years old, hornless, third premium, $1.

Patrick Collins, one steer, 6 years old, gratuity, $1.

For the Committee,

THOMAS E. GIBBS.

FAT CATTLE.

There were but three entries. George B. Starbuck entered a yoke of fat cattle that weighed 2950 pounds, and is entitled to first premium, $6. Burgess Brothers entered two fat cows, which were awarded $3 and $2 respectively.

For the Committee,

PETER CUSHMAN.

HOGS.

B. F. Cornish, thoroughbred Chester white boar, first premium, $4.

D. W. &. R. E. Burgess, grade Berkshire boar, 5 months old, second premium, $3.

B. F. Cornish, eight white Chester pigs, 7 weeks old, first premium, $4.

George W. Hooper, six 3-4 Berkshire pigs, 8 weeks old, weaned, third premium, $2.

D. W. & R. E. Burgess, sow, with nine pigs 5 weeks old, first premium, $5.

J. S. Appleton, fat hog, 2 years old, first premium, $4.

For the Committee,

OBED G. SMITH.

SHEEP.

Matthew Macy, five sheep, mixed breed, first premium, $4.

J. S. Appleton, yearling Cape sheep, gratuity, $1.

For the Committee,

ROBERT B. COFFIN.

POULTRY.

B. F. Worth, coop Plymouth Rocks, first premium, $3.

B. F. Worth, Plymouth Rock chicks, gratuity, $1.

Sidney B. Folger, coop Brown Leghorns, second premium, $2; coop mixed fowl, third premium, $1; trio of White Leghorns, $1; do. White Dorkings, $1; do. Black Spanish, $1, do. White Crested, $1; do. Black Polish, $1.

F. H. Folger, coop White Leghorns, 4 months old, gratuity, $1.

F. H. Folger, coop Plymouth Rocks, 3 months old, gratuity, $1.

Harry Dunham, trio thoroughbred Wyandottes, first premium, $1.

Charles F. Coffin, six spring chickens, gratuity, $1.

Harry Dunham, coop native ducks, first premium, $3.

S. B. Folger, coop native ducks, second premium, $1.

Harry Dunham, six Pekin ducks, gratuity, $1.

S. B. Folger, trio White Pekin ducks, gratuity, $1.

B F. WORTH,
JOHN BARTLETT, } Committee.

BREAD AND HONEY.

Theresa Dilworth, loaf wheat bread made with milk, first premium, $2.

Mary Flood, second premium, $1.50.

Mrs. William O'Connell, third premium, $1.

Mrs. F. W. Folger, fourth premium, 50 cents.

Miss Zetta Folger, loaf wheat bread made with water, first premium, $2.

Mrs. W. H. H. Smith, second premium, $1.50.

Mrs. J. M. Folger, third premium, $1.

There were two loaves without statement, so no premium was awarded.

Zetta Folger, loaf brown bread, first premium, $2.

Mrs. W. H. H. Smith, second premium, $1.

Mrs. W. O'Connell, loaf graham bread, first premium, $2.

Mrs. D. W. Gibbs, second premium, $1.

Edward Boden, display of honey, first premium, $4.

F. P. Chadwick, second premium, $3.

Miss Mabel Winslow, loaf of cake, gratuity, 25 cents.

For the Committee,

MRS. A. M. MYRICK.

BUTTER.

Your Butter Committee offers the following report:

Mrs. O. C. Backus, butter, first premium, $5.

Edward Boden, second premium, $4.

F. P. Chadwick, third premium, $3.

B. F. Worth, fourth premium, $2.

For the Committee,

F. J. CROSBY.

FRUIT.

Your committee on awards on Fruit exhibited at the recent Fair, would report the following entries:

Samuel King, 10 plates of grapes, raised in the house; 7 plates pears; 10 plates apples; 3 muskmelons, of excellent quality and growth.

John V. Smith, 9 varieties house grapes; 1 plate apples; 2 plates pears.

E. H. Alley, 11 dishes pears; 10 dishes grapes; 1 dish tomatoes; 1 dish peppers.

William H. Tice, 1 lot tomatoes.

Mrs. Andrew M. Myrick, 1 basket Crab apples; 1 basket Bartlett pears.

Charles H. Starbuck, 1 dish cultivated cranberries; 1 dish tomatoes.

Albert Easton, 2 dishes cranberries.

W. W. McIntosh, 2 varieties pears; 1 basket tomatoes.

D. W. & R. E. Burgess, 1 pan tomatoes.

John S. Cathcart, 1 box cranberries.

Henry Coffin, 17 varieties pears.

Charles W. Gardner, 4 watermelons; 3 muskmelons.

Mary Robinson, 1 basket apples.

John H. Bartlett, 3 Mountain Sweet watermelons; 3 Black Spanish watermelons; 3 Casaba muskmelons; 3 Early Christina muskmelons.

M. J. Sylvia, 1 basket apples, 1 pole bean, two yards long.

Franklin H. Folger, 6 Citron melons.

We award the following premiums and gratuities, viz.:

Samuel King, collection house grapes, first premium, $5.

John V. Smith, second premium, $4.

E. H. Alley, third premium, $3.

Henry Coffin, collection pears, there were 17 varieties, first premium, $5.

E. H. Alley, second premium, $4.

W. W. McIntosh, 3 dishes pears, gratuity, $1.

Samuel King, 7 dishes pears, gratuity, $2.

Mrs. A. M. Myrick, basket Bartlett pears, gratuity, $1.

John V. Smith, plate pears, gratuity, 50 cents.

Samuel King, collection apples, first premium, $3.

John V. Smith, plate apples, gratuity, 50 cents.

Mary Robinson, basket apples, gratuity, 50 cents.

Mrs. A. M. Myrick, basket crab apples, gratuity, 50 cents.

William H. Tice, lot tomatoes, gratuity, 75 cents.

D. W. & R. E. Burgess, pan tomatoes, gratuity, 50 cents.

E. H. Alley, dish tomatoes, gratuity, 50 cents.

Charles H. Starbuck, dish tomatoes, gratuity, 50 cents.

W. W. McIntosh, basket tomatoes, gratuity, 50 cents.

John S. Cathcart, box cranberries, gratuity, $1.

C. W. & G. H. Gardner, box cranberries as growing on vines, gratuity, 50 cents.

Albert Easton, 2 dishes cranberries, gratuity, 50 cents.

Charles H. Starbuck, dish cultivated cranberries, gratuity, 50 cents.

E. H. Alley, dish peppers, gratuity, 50 cents.

John H. Bartlett, 3 Mountain Sweet watermelons, 3 Black Spanish watermelons, gratuity, 75 cents.

Charles W. Gardner, 4 watermelons, gratuity, 75 cents.

Franklin H. Folger, 6 citron melons, gratuity, 75 cents.

Hiram C. Folger, 2 citron melons, gratuity, 50 cents.

Samuel King, 3 very fine muskmelons, gratuity, 75 cents.

Charles W. Gardner, 3 muskmelons, gratuity, 50 cents.

John H. Bartlett, 3 Casaba muskmelons; 3 early Christina muskmelons, gratuity, 50 cents.

M. J. Svlvia, basket apples, gratuity, 50 cents.

The show of fruit was very good considering the early time of year—fruit was not fully grown except those varieties raised under glass, of which the house grapes were excellent. Every variety shown of fruit was raised with much time, labor and experience, and contributors should receive liberal premiums for their contributions to the Fair.

For the Committee,

ALEXANDER MACY.

FLOWERS.

Lottie Wyer, best and largest collection, first premium, $3.

Mrs. J. F. Murphey, second premium, $2.

Mrs. John Chinery, third premium, $1.

Mary F. Coffin, best dish cut flowers, first premium, $2.

Mrs. Alexander M. Myrick, second premium, $1.50.

Mrs. F. W. Folger, most artistic arrangement of cultivated flowers, first premium, $2.

Mrs. J. F. Murphey, second premium, $1.

Mrs. Charles H. Starbuck, best show and arrangement of wild flowers, first premium, $2.

Mrs. J. M. Folger, Jr., tray of flowers, gratuity, $1.
Mrs. Edward Boden, pyramid of flowers, gratuity, $1.
Mrs. William O'Connell, standard flowers, gratuity, $1.
Katie O'Connell, dish flowers, gratuity, 75 cents.
Mary C. Hussey, dish flowers, gratuity, 75 cents.
Mrs. John V. Smith, dish Verbenas, gratuity, 50 cents.
Florence Manter, cross flowers, gratuity, 50 cents.
Mrs. John V. Smith, dish flowers, gratuity, 50 cents.
Mrs. John V. Smith, pot Astors, gratuity, 25 cents.
Mrs. C. H. Starbuck, dish flowers, gratuity 50 cents.
Elsie Jernegan, star of Marigolds, gratuity, 50 cents.

For the Committee,

MRS. JOHN CHINERY.

MANUFACTURES.

Caroline Holmes, best lot of hosiery, first premium, $2.
Sarah Linnell, second premium, $1.
Mrs. J. W. Cook, best specimen of knitting, first premium, $2.
Miss Phebe B. Long, second premium, $1.

GRATUITIES.

Caroline G. Swain, knit spread, $1.
Lucy A. Backus, do., do., $1.
Eunice L. Waterman, crocheted spread, 75 cents.
Mrs. William F. Codd, do., do., 25 cents.
Lizzie A. Hussey, silk quilt, 75 cents.
Ellen G. Parker, do., do., 75 cents.
Lizzie Clisby, woolen quilt, 50 cents.
Eunice S. Barney, canvas rug, 75 cents.
Mrs. Edward Boden, silk rug, $1.
Eunice L. Waterman, do., do., 25 cents.
Mrs. D. W. Gibbs, woolen rug, 50 cents.
Cora Dunham, do., do., 25 cents.
Mrs. C. H. Starbuck, do., do., 25 cents.
Mrs. Franklin Worth, mat, 25 cents.
Florence Macy, mat, 25 cents.
M. E. King, mat, 25 cents.
Mrs. R. H. Guild, braided rug, 50 cents.
Annie F. Borden, rug, 25 cents.

Mrs. M. P. Darrow, knit skirt, 35 cents.
Mrs. Eliza Perkins, knit hose, 50 cents.
Mrs. Eliza Gifford, wadding couple, 25 cents.
Mrs. John Chinery, dish mop, 30 cents.
Benjamin Rogers, brood worsted chickens, 50 cents.
Mrs. M. A. Waterman, knit table scarf, 25 cents.
Mrs. J. R. Raymond, calico quilt, 35 cents.
Mrs. L. Mitchell, 2 do., do., 70 cents.
Mrs. Sarah Murphy, 2 do., do., 70 cents.
Mrs. L. D. Bettridge, drawn rug, 75 cents.
Mrs. M. A. Thurston, knit rug, 25 cents.

For the Committee,

GEORGE B. PADDACK.

FANCY ARTICLES.

Eunice S. Barney, best and largest collection, first premium, $5.
Mrs. W. C. L'Hommedieu, second premium, $4.
Mrs. S. T. Davis, third premium, $3.
Milie Robinson, best single specimen, first premium, $3.
Mrs. W. F. Codd, second premium, $2
Agnes E Bettridge, third premium, $1.
Mrs. Obed A Morris, machine work, first premium, $3.
Mrs. E. G. Thomas, second premium, $2.
Margaretta Scharpp, laundry work, first premium, $2.
Katie P. Morris, second premium, $1.
George W. Hooper, mounted peacocks, $3.

GRATUITIES.

Mrs. L. Mitchell, daisy tidy, bridal bouquet, 75 cents.
Ethel Coffin, splasher, 25 cents; 2 tidies, 25 cents.
Mrs. David B. Swain, ricrac trimming, 50 cents.
Mrs G. E. Harris, apron, crazy table scarf, tidy, banner and mat, $1.
Eunice Paddack, dressed doll, Quakeress, 75 cents.
Mrs. E G. Thomas, 2 tidies, table scarf, banner, $1.25.
Annie M. Gibbs, tidy, 25 cents
Mrs. Allen H. Gifford, tidy, 25 cents.
Osborn Allen, lamp mat, 25 cents.

Mabel Winslow, 2 outline tidies, 50 cents.
Etta Marden, tidy, 25 cents.
Mrs. John Chinery, slumber-pillow, skirt, 75 cents.
Mary B. Marden, daisy tidy, 25 cents
Florence A Macy, 2 tidies, darned lace apron, sham towel, $1.
Mary C. Hussey, 2 infant's sacks, crocheted tidy, worked tidy, 75 cents.
Mrs. E. Delano, crazy sofa cushion, 75 cents.
Mamie G Brown, lamp mat, 25 cents.
Lillie Raymond, tidy, 25 cents.
Gracie Raymond, tidy, 25 cents.
Lucy M. Steingardt, splasher, mantel lambrequin and handkerchief, $1 25.
Annie J. Burgess, tidy and worsted scarfs, 75 cents.
Annie E. Patterson, table cover and sofa pillow, $1.50.
Lena Turner, infant's blanket, 75 cents
Mrs. D. P. Rogers, worsted mat, 25 cents.
Lizzie A. Clisby, knit edging, 25 cents.
Mrs. John H. Allen, infant's socks, 25 cents.
Mrs. Alex. M. Myrick, infants' skirts, slippers and lady's skirt, $2 25.
Lizzie A. Hussey. worsted hood, infant's sack, tidy and aprons, $1.60.
Milie Robinson, skirt, $1.
Phebe G. Royce, table scarf, worked strip and decorated wash-stand, $1.50.
Lottie M. Wyer, bouquet paper flowers, 25 cents.
Mabel S. Sharp, shoulder scarf, 50 cents.
Mrs. Charles M. Crocker, lamp mat, 25 cents.
Rebecca Lawrence, afghan, 50 cents.
Nellie L. Baker, afghan, 50 cents.
Mrs. F. W. Barnard, shoulder cape, sofa cover, 50 cents.
Lillie Barnard, outline tidy, crocheted tidy, 75 cents.
Mrs. Eliza Gifford, crocheted collar, 25 cents.
Mary Flood, worsted mat, pair slippers, skirt, $1.
Lizzie Snow, crocheted tidy, 25 cents.
Agnes E Bettridge, banner, 75 cents.
Mrs. W. H. Burgess, crocheted tidy 50 cents.
Anna Barrett, chair scarf, newspaper rack, 75 cents.

Sarah L Macy, travelling case, 25 cents,
Mrs. Emily C. Hall, afghan, 50 cents
Lottie Nye, 2 tidies, mantel lambrequin, $1.

For the Committee,

MRS. MARY A. HUSSEY.

FINE ARTS.

There was a meagre display in this department of the exhibition this year. We think our society is liberal in the amount of money it places at our disposal, and we sincerely trust that more contributors may feel inclined to compete another season. The following gratuities are awarded:

M F. Freeborn, $3; Ethel Coffin, $1.50; Mrs. P. G. Royce, 50 cents; Mrs. John Chinery, $1 50; George G. Fish, $5.75; Mary E. Allen, $1; Lillie Barnard, 25 cents; Mrs. Virginia S. Sharp, $3; Annie E. Patterson, $3; M. E. Dodd, $1.25.

For the Committee,

ARTHUR E. JENKS.

CROPS.

D. W. & R. E. Burgess, acre Corn, first premium, $8.
W. W. McIntosh, second premium, $6.
" " " acre Rye, first premium, $5.
" " " second premium, $2.
John V. Smith, 1-8 acre Strawberries, first premium, $5.

REPORTS.

Arthur E Jenks, best report, first premium, $8.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

All things within the bounds prescribed by human reason have both a beginning and an end; a time to be, and a time to cease to be; and the events and appointments which come to the notice of intelligent beings, are defined as occurring within the terms year or years. They come and go. We look forward and court their smiles. In a visionary attitude, we hope for golden promises, insensible, apparently, how quick the flight of time will be a period with us. The Rubicon is reached and passed, and, as the years roll on, golden hopes and promises become events along the line of history for all ages.

The last year's report closed with the words, "We reach out for the fair of 1885, with willing hearts and hands." But the opening of the day was not so auspicious as we could have wished; an unpleasant, wet morning, continuing showery through the day, had a strong influence upon the whole exercise. The ardor of contributors to the show of stock, living miles away, was somewhat dampened, and as a result, the numerical exhibit was small; a minority, however, acquitted themselves by their presence and their stock, and were awarded a premium compensation on the quality of their cattle. There is no doubt that a pleasant day would have presented an attractive feature in the number of cattle. Of Sheep there was but one entry; of Swine several; of Poultry, a good show, and of many varieties and classes.

The second day was not much better as a whole; an uncomfortable east wind prevailed, much to the discomfort of all assembled to witness and enjoy the exercises of the occasion. There were a fair number of entries in the department of Horses and Colts, and we may say with pride, the whole community, whether engaged directly

or indirectly in agriculture, manifested one, and only one prime idea—a good horse. There are no skeletons, no frames, no caricatures of horses with us, but all take pleasure in owning good animals. Great credit is due in this, as in all other minutiæ, to the salutary influence of our annual festive gatherings. In the department of Plowing there was much apparent interest, as the several competitors were all doing good work in their line of duty, and lookers-on seemed to take much interest in the matter, scanning carefully the work as it progressed, and commenting upon and comparing that of horses and oxen.

THE HALL.

The newly-erected Skating Rink was secured for the hall exhibition, where ample accommodations could be provided for profit and pleasure. Tables reaching crosswise the hall were tastefully arranged with Nature's bountiful supply of Vegetables as the result of toil and physical labor, in accumulated abundance of every description, so disposed as to make the looker wonder where they could have grown; fruit looking so tasteful, so luscious, so inviting, neatly arranged as to classes and varieties, with becoming grace and elegance.

The ladies' department of Manufactures and Fancy Articles included all descriptions of handiwork, fanciful, tasteful, useful, and pleasing to the eye and the mind. Flowers were so arranged as to diffuse a cheerful and softening influence and a balmy perfume over the whole festival.

On the evening of the first day of the Fair, a large area of the floor, not devoted to the display of wares, was occupied by a goodly company for roller skating, from early evening to its close—a moving panorama, adding a very attractive feature. The Nantucket Mechanics' Band discoursed fine music at the fair ground

during the day and at the hall in the evening, to the pleasure of all and with credit to themselves. An auxiliary to the closing day and evening, on the floor of the rink, was the usual agricultural ball.

While, with the unusual drawback, we made progress, we hope to make a decided mark in advancement in the near future.

The Society has held three Institutes, as required. At the first Institute, April 4, 1885, the subject of "Potato Culture" was freely ventilated in its various phases.

At the second Institute, April 11th, the subject of "Manures and their Application" was discussed.

At the third Institute, November 18th, 1885, "Kitchen Gardening."

These Institutes are doing much good in their plain common sense way, to all interested.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT EASTON, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

CHARLES H. STARBUCK IN ACCOUNT WITH NANTUCKET AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

	Dr.	*Cr.*
To Balance from last Report	$ 158 08	
Total amount received from all sources since last Annual Meeting	1004 67	
By Total amount expended and paid in Premiums		1080 45
Cash in Treasurer's hands		82 30
	$1162 75	$1162 75

RECEIPTS FROM FAIR OF 1885.

Received at Grounds, first day	$ 31 15
" at Grounds, second day	90 15
" from rent of buildings, &c	21 17
" at Hall, both days	203 85
	$346 32

The Society's indebtedness has been reduced $100 the past year, leaving the present amount $400.

CHARLES H. STARBUCK, *Treasurer.*

THE ARTIST OF THE COMMON PEOPLE.

In making awards to the contributors of the Fine Arts Department, at our recent Agricultural Fair, the very intimate relations of the arts to the solid and substantial work of the industrious farmer, forced itself upon our attention. As the hand cannot say to the foot: "I have no need of you;" neither can the farmer say to the skilled artizan: "I have no use for your dexterous art." No; he must acknowledge a mutual interdependence.

In the early time of the year now drawing to a close, I walked out over our breezy hills, where our Nantucket farmers inhale the pure air which is theirs; and which is subject to no government tax; there I saw these true lords of the soil turning long furrows with the plow. What a common implement of husbandry is the plow! And how very few of all who see its importance in the labors of farm interests, know of its origin; or that to Egyptian art, our farmers of this century are indebted for this valuable instrument in their daily economy. Doubtless it was originally used in ancient Egypt, as the first drawing or illustration of it may be seen to-day on her rude monuments! Thus olden art designs and modern execution are not separated in the lapse of years. What a stride, I thought, between one of our Nantucket farmers, ploughing under Massachusetts laws, and the custom practised in one of the British islands, so very barbarous, that an act of the legislature of Ireland was passed in 1634, "forbidding plowing by the taile." It is said that the draught-pole was lashed to the tail of the animal, and as no harness was employed, two men were necessary—one to guide and press upon the plow, the other to direct the animal, which he did by walking backwards in front of the miserable creature, beating him on the head on either side, according to the direction required.

The artist of the common people will readily admit that nature is the everlasting benefactor of the farmer, as she is also the first and foremost formative influence upon our humanity. The play of a sunbeam attracts the eye of conscious infancy; the panorama of nature, with its shifting colors, weird lights and shadows, awakens in the mind of the observing little one, a mystic communion; thus the first most important lesson in language is given to the loving child. Works of delight are among the noblest of recreations. The phrase, "of the common people," is no longer a misnomeric term. For from the common people—usually called the working classes—at once the soil and sub-soil of everything ennobling in manhood; from their early hardships in weary pilgrimages, and in heroic sacrifices, have come up the master spirits of our century; "men whose fame is an illustrious national possession." I rejoice that the aristocratic "cavalier" has become totally submerged in the irresistible current of human affairs—his occupation, like Othello's, gone! In his stead, we behold the producers—the farmers and mechanics—with their clean parchments bearing record of marvellous achievements at the

close of the first century of our republic! Even the austerity of the Puritan has yielded its flower and fruit in the religion of the Pilgrim.

I once looked with unexpressed admiration upon two historical paintings, far-reaching in their international designs, and calculated to inspire frugality and honest thrift in the heart of every thoughtful beholder, however humble his station, or obscure his manner of earning a livelihood. One of these I remember as a bold dash of storm-wave, a rugged sea coast flanked by snow-clad pines. In the foreground there was the shadow of a sterile rock, with the forms of our forefathers and mothers kneeling in prayer underneath a frowning winter sky. The other picture, which might be called appropriately its companion in art, although differing widely in sentiment and suggestion, was a sweet inland nook, with grazing sheep, a tender mid-summer sky and mellow upland shadows. The former illustrated the sacrificial cost of our New England birthright in its promise of a republic; the latter, the benediction of a conquered peace. They were painted by rival artists; yet each was a masterpiece in color and dramatic attitudes, and both alike dedicated to the supreme conceptions of the common people. Ah, thought I, the faithful artist may well poise his chisel and wield his brush, confident always that among a too-much-neglected class he will certainly find the warmest admirers of his cunning art, and the truest interpreters of his exalted mission. "What is noble, and lovely, and elegant, is likewise useful and good."

The day has gone by forever for the repetition of utterances like that of Governor Sir William Berkley, of Virginia, who boastfully and vehemently declared to the British lords' commissioners of foreign affairs: "I thank God there are no free schools, or printing; for learning has brought disobedience, and heresy, and sects into the world, and printing has divulged them, and libels against the best government. God keep us from both!" The autocrat of Virginia's landed estates is dead; but the free school lives. In the common school, Adams, Otis, Jefferson, Washington, Lincoln, Garfield and Grant speak to us as in life, and bid us to guard and keep them. The printing press is at work in the interests of religion, science, art and agriculture; and it means the enlightenment of the common people. I close with this sentence of one of our wisest philanthropists: "Like a prudent family, the nation educates its children in common. So long as American ideas are taught by accomplished and patriotic teachers, to each new generation, the republic will ever live!" I urge upon our home people to renew their interest in this annual exhibit of our Farmers' Festival; that they may encourage the growth of crops; the raising of live stock; the promotion of agriculture and horticulture; the development of fine art, and practical mechanism.

A. E. JENKS.

Statement concerning a crop of Corn on one acre, raised by D. W. & R. E. Burgess, in the Town of Nantucket, 1885.

What was the crop of 1876? Hay.
What was the crop of 1877? Hay.
What manure was used, and how much? No manure used for hay crop for six years.
What is the nature of the soil? Clay loam.
When and how many times plowed, and how deep? Once, seven inches.
What other preparation for the seed? Cultivated and harrowed.
Cost of plowing and other preparation? $10.
Amount of manure, in loads of thirty bushels, and how applied? Sixty loads spread on before ploughing.
Value of manure upon the ground? $30.
When and how planted, and the amount and kind of seed? 15th of May; Topover corn, three feet, nine inches apart, two feet in row; with corn planter.
Cost of seed and planting? $5.
How cultivated, and how many times? Twice hoed and cultivated.
Cost of cultivation, including weeding and thinning? $10.
Time and manner of harvesting? Shocked a part and balance topped the stalks.
Cost of harvesting, including the storing and husking or threshing? $10.
Amount of straw, stover, or other product? Two tons at $8.

REMARKS.—We are sorry to say that our land was not in better condition to produce a crop of corn, for having been mowed and pastured for six or seven years, it had to depend on the manure more than it would have if it had been top-dressed two or three times in the time of taking off the hay crops. Our native farmers will perceive that the number of loads were small owing to figuring thirty bushels to the load, which such manure as we are making would be a very heavy load to draw from our pens.

We think corn is a fair crop, but our market is such that it requires small garden produce in larger quantities, and in producing garden-sauce it requires less land, and so we have more hay land, and raising hay at present prices is one of the most profitable crops, not inferring that it would be policy for any farmer to sell his hay unless he can better himself by buying manure. When you take into consideration the transportation both ways, it costs pretty well; but where you can raise a crop of hay you can raise a crop of corn; and corn we must have; and we are happy to believe that the farmers of to-day are feeding much more corn and meal than when we were young farmers; and are also satisfied that no farmer can afford to be without the corn and meal. But which is the better to raise or buy each farmer must judge for himself. In raising corn, the fodder, properly cured, is a great help to the hay; or in the fall it is good for the cows that are a little short of feed, and helps fill up the pail.

Statement concerning a crop of Corn on one acre, raised by William W. McIntosh, in the Town of Nantucket, 1885.

What was the crop of 1883? Grass.
What manure was used, and how much? None.
What was the crop of 1884? Part in corn, part in turnips.
What manure was used, and how much? Night soil composted with loam. About one part of former to three parts of latter; about fifty loads of eighteen bushels each per acre.
When and how many times plowed, and how deep? At time of planting, once, about seven inches deep.
What other preparation for the seed? Part of it was harrowed.
Cost of plowing and other preparation? Plowing, $2; harrowing, $1; furrowing, $1.15; spreading manure, $1.
Amount of manure, in loads of thirty bushels, and how applied? About fifty-five loads of eighteen bushels each, spread broadcast and plowed in.
Value of manure upon the ground? Eighteen dollars.
When and how planted, and the amount and kind of seed? June 10th and 11th; dropped by hand, in rows about three feet, eight inches each way; covered with horse; about nine quarts Smutty White corn.
Cost of seed and planting? Corn, tarred, 35 cents; planting, $1.50.
How cultivated, and how many times? With horse and cultivator, twice in a row, both ways.
Cost of cultivation, including weeding and thinning? Cultivating, $2.75; no hoeing, weeding or thinning.
Time and manner of harvesting? Topped stalks about October 1st; harvested corn November 9th to 13th.
Cost of harvesting, including the storing and husking or threshing? Cutting, binding and stocking stalks, $4; harvesting, hauling in corn and stalks, $4; husking, $4.

Amount of straw, stover or other product? About 1200 pounds top stalks, worth $9; about one ton other fodder, worth $8; fifty bushels shelled corn, worth 70 cents per bushel.

REMARKS.—I think if I had been able to have planted about two weeks earlier, I should have got a better yield, as it would have suffered less from drought; while I am satisfied I got a better yield last year planted June 6th, than I should if planted much earlier. I have given up hoeing corn, according to Secretary Russell's suggestion, and think if the cultivator work is thoroughly done, hoeing so far as the corn is concerned is unnecessary.

Statement concerning a crop of Rye on two acres, three rods, raised by William W. McIntosh, in the Town of Nantucket, 1885.

What was the crop of 1883? Peas.

What manure was used, and how much? About twenty-eight loads, eighteen bushels each, of horse manure to an acre.

What was the crop of 1884? Corn.

What manure was used, and how much? Night soil composted with loam, about one part of former to three of latter; about fifty loads, eighteen bushels each, per acre.

What is the nature of the soil? Sandy loam.

When and how many times plowed, and how deep? Once, about six inches deep.

What other preparation for the seed? None.

Cost of plowing and other preparation? $5.

Amount of manure, in loads of thirty bushels, and how applied? None applied.

When and how planted, and the amount and kind of seed? October 14th, 1884; sown broadcast, 3 3-8 bushels Winter rye.

Cost of seed and planting? Seed, $3.38; sowing, 75 cents; harrowing, $1.50.

Time and manner of harvesting? August 1st to 11th; mowed with scythe, bound and stacked.

Cost of harvesting, including the storing and husking or threshing? Mowing, $4; binding and stacking, $4.75; carting, $2; threshing and cleaning, $11.75.

Amount of straw, stover, or other product? First acre, seventeen bushels rye of 56 pounds, second acre, 15 1-4 bushels rye of 56 pounds, worth $1 per bushel; 1 3-4 tons straw, worth about $14 per ton.

REMARKS.—I was very busy at the time of harvesting, and having no help that could cut it, was obliged to do it at odd jobs, as I could find time. If it could have been cut in proper season, I think the yield might have been slightly increased. As this was raised on what has been rated as some of the poorest of the outside lands taken in about twelve years ago, I think the crop a very fair one.

Statement concerning a crop of Strawberries on one-eighth acre, raised by John V. Smith, in the Town of Nantucket, 1885.

What was the crop of 1883? Strawberries.

What manure was used, and how much? Barnyard manure.

What was the crop of 1884? Strawberries.

What manure was used, and how much? Nine loads barnyard manure.

What is the nature of the soil? Heavy loam.

Value of manure upon the ground? Barn manure, $9; six loads seaweed, $1.50.

When and how planted, and the amount and kind of seed? Charles Downing, Jersey Queen, Sharpless.

Cost of cultivation, including weeding and thinning? $25.

Cost of harvesting, including the storing and husking or threshing? $25.

Amount of straw, stover, or other product? Eight hundred and seventy-seven quarts of strawberries.

THE

NANTUCKET AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

WILL HOLD ITS THIRTY-FIRST

CATTLE SHOW AND FAIR

ON

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 AND 9, 1886,

AND INVITES

All persons to contribute for Exhibition or Premium, any and all things useful or ornamental which they can produce.

THE SOCIETY

OFFERS THE FOLLOWING LIST OF PREMIUMS FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MECHANIC ARTS:

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LIST OF PREMIUMS FOR 1886.

FARMS AND SWAMP LANDS.

Committee—Executive Board.

For the best conducted farms in the county, two premiums . . . $25, 20
For reclaiming swamp land, not less than one half-acre 6

FOREST AND FRUIT TREES.

Committee—Executive Board.

For the best lot of Pine or other Forest Trees, of not less than five acres, from seed planted within five years, two premiums . . . $8, 5
For the best lot of Fruit Trees, not less than twenty in number, and set out within three years, two premiums 5, 3

PLOWING.

Committe—J. M. Folger, John J. Gardner, George B. Starbuck.

For the best experiment in Plowing, with both oxen and horses, not less than six inches deep, eight premiums; horses, $6, 5, 4, 3; oxen, $6, 5, 4, 3.

All persons competing for Plowing shall make their entries with the Secretary previous to the first day of the Fair.

EXPERIMENTAL CROPS.

Committee—Executive Board.

For the best experiment to ascertain the relative value of level or hill culture $15
For the best experiment in ascertaining the most profitable method of seeding for potatoes, two premiums $15, 10
For the best acre of Corn, three premiums $8, 6, 4
" " acre of Rye, two premiums 5, 3
" " acre of Wheat, two premiums 5, 4
" " half-acre of Potatoes, two premiums 6, 4
" " acre of Oats, two premiums 6, 4
" " acre of Barley, two premiums 6, 4
" " acre of Hay, two premiums 6, 4
" " quarter-acre of Beets, two premiums 6, 4
" " half-acre of Turnips, three premiums 5, 4, 3
" " quarter-acre of Carrots, two premiums 6, 4
" " eighth-acre of Onions, two premiums 5, 4
" " quarter-acre of Beans, two premiums 4, 3
" " half-acre of Cranberries, two premiums 5, 3
" " eighth-acre of Strawberries, two premiums 5, 3
" " eighth-acre of Blackberries, two premiums 5, 3

VEGETABLES.

Committee—B. F. Coffin, A. M. Myrick, B. F. Wyer.

Premiums and Gratuities on Garden Vegetables will be awarded, not exceeding in amount the sum of forty dollars.

For the best collection of Vegetables, five premiums . . . $10, 8, 6, 4, 2
For the best display of Potatoes, not less than three varieties, one-half bushel in each variety, four premiums . . 1, .75, .50, .25
For the best display of Onions, not less than two varieties, four premiums . . . . . 1, .75, .50 .25
For the best show of Wheat, Barley, Oats, Rye, Carrots, Beets, Parsnips and Turnips, half-bushel each—and Pumpkins and Cabbages, one dozen each—three premiums . . . . . .75, .50, .25
For the best specimen of Corn, not less than four varieties, twelve ears in each variety, three premiums . . . . . 1.50, 1, .75,
For the best single variety of Corn, two premiums . . . . . .50, .25

DOMESTIC ANIMALS.

All male breeding animals which have received a premium at a previous Fair, and are worthy of a premium, shall be granted a diploma instead of a premium. Attention is called to Article 9 of Committee on Awards. All animals entered for premium must be entered in owner's name.

HORSES.

STALLIONS, MARES AND COLTS.

Committee—William H. H. Smith, C. D. Marsh, Charles F. Coffin.
For the best thoroughbred Stallion, with pedigree, to be kept in the county from May 1 to October 1 . . . . . $20
For the best Mare, with colt by her side, three premiums 5, 4, 3
For the best four years old Colt raised in the county, shown to harness, three premiums 5, 4, 3
For the best three years old Colt, three premiums 4, 3, 2
For the best two years old Colt, three premiums 3, 2, 1
For the best one year old Colt, three premiums 2, 1.50, 1

GENTLEMEN'S DRIVING HORSES.

Committee—David W. Burgess, Alex. M. Myrick, John Harps.
For the best Gentleman's Driving Horse, three premiums . . . $5, 4, 3

FAMILY, DRAUGHT AND WALKING HORSES.

Committee—J. A. Steingardt, William T. Swain, Simeon L. Lewis.
For the best pair of Family Horses, three premiums $5, 4, 3
" " Family Horse, four premiums 4, 3, 2, 1
" " pair Draught Horses, two premiums 5, 4
" " Draught Horse, three premiums 3, 2, 1
" " Walking Horse, to be tried on the track, to walk round the course in 7 minutes, three premiums . . 3, 2, 1

EQUESTRIAN PERFORMANCE.

Committee—Walter H. Burgess, Charles F. Coffin.
For best Equestrian Performance, a gentleman with lady, three premiums $8, 6, 4

COWS AND HEIFERS.

THOROUGHBREDS.

Committee—E. Clinton Morey, William T. Swain, George B. Starbuck.

For the best herd of five thoroughbred Jerseys, two premiums . . $8, 6
" " " " " Ayrshires " . . 8, 6
" " thoroughbred Jersey cow, three premiums 5, 4, 3
" " " Ayrshire cow, three premiums 5, 4, 3
" " " Holstein cow, two premiums 5, 4
" " two years old Jersey heifer, in milk, three premiums 3, 2, 1
" " " " Ayrshire heifer, in milk, three do . . . 4, 3, 2
" " " " Holstein heifer, in milk, two premiums . 4, 3
" " " " Jersey heifer, three premiums 3, 2, 1
" " " " Ayrshire heifer, three premiums . . . 3, 2, 1
" " " " Holstein heifer, three premiums . . . 3, 2, 1
" " one year old Jersey heifer, three premiums, 2.50, 1.50, .75
" " " " Ayrshire heifer, three prem's . 2.50, 1.50, .75
" " " " Holstein heifer, three premiums . . . 3, 2, 1
" " Jersey calf, three premiums . . . . . 2, 1, .50
" " Ayrshire calf, three premiums . . . . . 2, 1, .50
" " Holstein calf, three premiums . . . . . 2, 1, .50

GRADE JERSEYS AND MIXED GRADES.

No premium shall be paid a grade cow or heifer unless one of the parents is a thoroughbred.

Committee—S. L. Lewis, Sr., Clarendon R. Chapel, Charles Pitman.

For the best herd of Jersey grade cows, three premiums $5, 4, 3
" " herd of mixed grade cows, three premiums 5, 4, 3
" " mixed grade cow, three premiums 3, 2, 1
" " Jersey grade cow, three premiums 3, 2, 1
" " two years old Jersey grade heifer, in milk, three premiums 3, 2, 1
" " one year old Jersey grade heifer, three premiums . 2, 1, .50
" " Jersey grade calf, two premiums . . . . . 1, .50
" " four grade two years old heifers, three premiums . 3, 2, 1

GRADE AYRSHIRES.

Committee—Andrew Johnson, Samuel P. Pitman, John J. Gardner.

For the best herd of Ayrshire grade cows, three premiums . . . $5, 4, 3
" " Ayrshire grade cow, three premiums 3, 2, 1
" " two years old Ayrshire grade heifer, in milk, three premiums 3, 2, 1
" " two years old Ayrshire grade heifer, three premiums 2.50, 1.50, 1
" " one year old Ayrshire grade heifer, three prems., 2, 1, .50
" " Ayrshire grade calf, two premiums . . . . . 1, .50

NATIVES.

Committee—J. A. Steingardt, Asa C. Jones, Charles M. Thomas.

For the best herd of five native cows, three premiums $4, 3, 2
" " native cow, two premiums 2, 1
" " two years old native heifer, in milk, two premiums . 2, 1
" " two years old native heifer, two premiums 1.50, 1
" " one year old native heifer, two premiums . . . . . 1, .50

BULLS.

Voted, That the best bull on exhibition, if he has taken the first premium on a previous year, and is entitled to a premium this year, be awarded a diploma.

Committee—Samuel P. Pitman, Sidney B. Folger, Benjamin F. Worth.

For the best Jersey bull, three years old and upward, to be kept nine months in the county, two premiums $8, 6
For the best Ayrshire bull, three years old and upward, to be kept nine months in the county, two premiums 8, 6
For the best Holstein bull, three years old and upward, to be kept nine months in the county, two premiums 8, 6
For the best Jersey bull, two years old and upward, to be kept nine months in the county, two premiums 6, 4
For the best Ayrshire bull, two years old and upward, to be kept nine months in the county, two premiums 6, 4
For the best Holstein bull, two years old and upward, to be kept nine months in the county, two premiums 3, 2
For the best Jersey bull, one year old, two premiums 4, 3
" " Ayrshire bull, one year old, two premiums 4, 3
" " Holstein bull, one year old, two premiums 2, 1.50
" " Jersey calf, two premiums 2, 1
" " Ayrshire calf, two premiums 2, 1
" " Holstein calf, two premiums . . . . . 1, .50

RULE 15.—All persons exhibiting thoroughbred breeding stock are required to state to the Secretary in writing, at the time of entry, the breed and pedigree of the animals, otherwise they are not entitled to a premium.

WORKING OXEN AND STEERS.

Working oxen and steers shall be tested in yoke by the committee on examination.

Committee—Freeman Lewis, Israel M. Lewis, James Norcross.

For the best yoke of Working Oxen, four premiums $5, 4, 3, 2
For the best yoke of Steers, three years old, three premiums . . 4, 3, 2
For the best yoke of Steers, two years old, three premiums . . . 3, 2, 1
For the best yoke of Steers, one year old or less, three prem's, 2, 1.50, 1
For the fastest-walking Oxen or Steers, once round the track, three premiums 3, 2, 1

FAT CATTLE.

Committee—J. M. Folger, D. W. Burgess, Peter Cushman.

For the best pair of Fat Oxen, weight to be not less than 3000 pounds, first premium $8
For the best pair of Fat Oxen, weight to be not less than 2500 pounds, second premium 6
For the best Fat Ox, weight to be not less than 1500 pounds, first premium 5
For the best Fat Ox, weight to be not less than 1250 pounds, second premium 4
For the best Fat Cow, two premiums 3, 2
For the best Fat Hog, two premiums 4, 3

HOGS.

Committee—J. S. Appleton, Asa C. Jones, J. M. Folger, Jr.

For the best Boar, two premiums $4, 3
For the best Sow, with not less than six pigs, four premiums . 5, 4, 3, 2

For the best lot of not less than six Weaned Pigs not over twelve weeks old, three premiums 4, 3, 2
For the best lot of not less than six Shoats, not less than three nor more than six months old, three premiums 5, 4, 3

SHEEP.

Committee—George F. Coffin, William H. Wyer, 2d., A. C. Bartlett.
For the best Southdown Buck, pure blood $4
" " Cotswold Buck, pure blood 4
" " Southdown Ewes, not less than five, two premiums, . . 5, 4
" " Cotswold Ewes, not less than five, two premiums . . . 5, 4
" " lot of not less than five grade Southdown Ewes, three premiums 4, 3, 2
For the best lot of not less than five grade Cotswold Ewes, two premiums 4, 3
For the best lot of not less than five grade Southdown Lambs, three premiums 3, 2, 1
For the best lot of not less than five grade Cotswold Lambs, three premiums 3, 2, 1

POULTRY.

Committee—Ezra W. Lewis, Howard Easton, A. S. Mowry.
For the best trios of thoroughbred fowls, six premiums, each $1
" " coop of fowl, not less than one cock and six hens . . 3, 2, 1
" " six Ducks, three premiums 3, 2, 1
" " flock of six Geese, three premiums 3, 2, 1
" " trio thoroughbred Ducks, three premiums, each 1
" " trio of Turkeys, four premiums 4, 3, 2, 1
To be distributed at the discretion of the committee, in gratuities . . 7

BREAD AND HONEY.

Committee—Mrs. Avis Murphey, Mrs. Julia Lewis, Mrs. B. F. Wyer.
For the best loaf of Wheat Bread, not to weigh less than one pound, with statement of process of making, and to be made by competitor, with milk, four premiums, and with water, four premiums . . . . . $2, 1.50, 1, .50
For the best loaf of Indian Bread, with statement, two premiums . 2, 1
" " loaf of Graham Bread, with statement, two premiums . 2, 1
" " display of Honey, two premiums 4, 3
All loaves on exhibition to be numbered, without any names attached.
All bread for premiums must be donated.

BUTTER AND CHEESE.

Committee—John Harps, Harry Myrick. David Parker.
For the best lot of Butter of not less than five pounds, five premiums $5, 4, 3, 2, 1
A statement must accompany each lot to entitle contributors to a premium.
For Cheese the committee will award gratuities not exceeding in amount $5

FRUITS.

Committee—F. J. Crosby, William H. Wyer, 2d, A. S. Mowry.
For the best collection of House Grapes, not less than three varieties, three premiums $5, 4, 3
For the best collection of Out-door Grapes, not less than three varieties, three premiums 3, 2, 1

For the best collection of Pears, not less than ten varieties of eight specimens each, four premiums 5, 4, 3, 2
For the best and largest collection of Apples, not less than five varieties, two premiums 3, 2
For the best single dish of Grapes, of every variety 1
For the best single dish of Pears, of every variety 1
To be distributed at the discretion of the committee in gratuities . . 25

Those receiving an award for best collection cannot receive an award for a single dish, if in the collection.

FLOWERS.

Committee—Miss Minnie L. Myrick, Miss Annie W. Bodfish, Miss Cora S. Burgess.

For the best and largest collection of Cut Flowers, three prem's $3, 2, 1
" " " " of House Plants, two prem's . . 3, 2
" " show of Cut Flowers, two premiums 2, 1.50
" " and largest collection of Wild Flowers, two prem's . 2, 1.50
" most artistic arrangement of Cultivated Flowers, two do . . 2, 1
" most artistic arrangement of Wild Flowers, two premiums . 2, 1
For the committee to distribute in gratuities 5

Those receiving an award for a collection cannot receive the award for a single flower.

SONGS AND ESSAYS.

Committee—Mrs. W. S. Wakeman, Miss Emma Cook.

For the best Essay on Agriculture $4
For the best Song 3

MANUFACTURES.

Committee—George B. Paddack, O. C. Hatch, Millard F. Freeborn.

For the best display of Boots and Shoes made in the county, three premiums $3, 2, 1
For the best single pair 1
" " lot of Hosiery and Knit Goods, two premiums 2, 1
" " lot of willow or rattan Baskets two premiums 2, 1
" " Carriage of home manufacture 5
" " Carriage Harness 3
" " collection of Tin Plate Work 2
To be distributed at the discretion of the Committee, if required . . 10

FANCY ARTICLES.

Committee—Miss Cora S. Burgess, Miss Annie Chinery, Mrs. M. F. Freeborn.

The Committee will make awards for Fancy Articles, not exceeding in amount $70
For the best and largest collection of Fancy Articles three premiums 5, 4, 3
For the best single specimen of Fancy Work, three premiums . . 3, 2, 1
For the best specimen of Sewing Machine Fancy Work, two premiums 3, 2
For the best specimen of Laundry Work, two premiums 2, 1

FINE ARTS.

Committee—James W. Folger A. T. Mowry, A. S. Mowry.

The Committee will make awards not to exceed $25
For the best picture, an original design from nature, executed by the contributor, two premiums 5, 3

For the best collection of oil paintings, two premiums 3, 2
For the best specimen of letter-press printing, two premiums . . . 3, 2

REPORTS.

For the further promotion of Agriculture, and the encouragement to committees to make full reports, accompanied with such statements as will be of general interest and service, the Society offers additional premiums as follows:

For the best statement of the course pursued in raising a premium Vegetable Crop $3
For the best Report, three premiums 8, 6, 4

MANURES.

For the best experiment with Manure, with a statement in writing (which is to be left with the Secretary previous to October 1st), showing the kind and cost, two premiums $10, 5

COMMITTEE ON HALL AND DECORATIONS—Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Freeborn

All entries must be made previous to 10 o'clock, A. M., of the first day of the Fair. The door will be open at 1 o'clock, P. M.

GENERAL RULES.

First.—All entries (except horses) must be made previous to 10 o'clock, A. M., of the first day of the Fair. All horses must be entered previous to 10 o'clock of the second day of the Fair.

Second.—Competitors must be the owners of the animals offered. All fruits and vegetables must be raised by the person presenting them.

Third.—All articles exhibited must remain during the Fair.

Fourth.—No animal or article will be entitled to a premium, which is removed by the owner without permission of the Committee of Arrangements.

Fifth.—All animals or articles exhibited will have all possible care, but must be at the risk of the owners.

Sixth.—Upon application to the chairman, the Committee on Crops will visit any farm, field or crops entered for premium. All entries must be made on or before August 1.

Seventh.—It will be optional with the various Committees to award a premium or not, as the thing entered for it may in their judgment deserve, whether there is competition or not.

Eighth.—No person receiving a premium for a collection of animals, vegetables, or articles, is entitled to a premium for any single article in said collection at the same exhibition.

Ninth.—All premiums awarded and not called for within fifteen days will be added to the capital stock of the Society.

Tenth.—Any person may become a member of this Society by signing the constitution, and if a male, paying to the Treasurer $2, and if a female, $1.

Eleventh.—Every person entering for plowing will be required to hold the plow.

Twelfth.—All neat stock and horses must be kept in the county at least two months next preceding the exhibition, and all male breeding stock nine months, either before and after or before or after the exhibition.

Thirteenth.—All persons in the county may compete for the premiums offered, but in case a premium is awarded to a person not a member of the Society, the admission fee of a member will be deducted; but premiums and gratuities of less sums than the admission fees will be paid to all persons to whom they are awarded.

Fourteenth.—All persons exhibiting thoroughbred breeding stock are required to state in writing, at the time of entry, the breed and pedigree of the animals, otherwise they are not entitled to a premium.

Fifteenth.—No person will be allowed to engage in any business, traffic or exhibition on the Fair grounds or at the hall, without a written permit from the Superintendent.

Sixteenth.—No animal or article will receive a gratuity larger than the lowest premium in its class.

Seventeenth.—All canned fruits, bread, butter, cheese and honey shall be tested by the committee before making the awards. All bread for premium must be donated.

Eighteenth.—No person shall be entitled to a premium on any articles of Manufactures, Mechanics or Fine Arts, Butter, Cheese, Grain, Seeds or Vegetables, unless the same shall have been manufactured, executed, made, raised or grown by such person or in his family.

Nineteenth.—In entering colts, the exact age must be given in days, months and years, up to the age of two years, when they will be classified as two years old, etc.

PARTICULAR NOTICE TO JUDGES.

Judges are requested to be prompt at the place of meeting, and to make themselves acquainted with their associates without any hesitation. They should make themselves familiar with the details of the Arrangements and List of Premiums, and each member should have a copy of the same in hand during the exhibition, for reference. They should render all the aid in their power in diffusing information and inciting competition, as the success of the exhibition depends, in a great measure, on the manner in which they discharge their duties.

The Judges may fill a vacancy occurring in their number, and members may act if the number cannot be conveniently filled.

No claimant for a premium can act as a Judge upon the subject for which he makes his claim.

The Chairman of every board of Judges is expected, and particularly requested by the officers and rules of the Society, to make a full report, in writing, of whatever comes under the notice of the board on which he serves, and send the same to the Secretary of the Society as soon after the exhibition as possible, *but certainly within thirty days*, so that the same may be printed in the Transactions without too much delay. Reports of all classes on exhibition are very much desired, and it is hoped that this year the Judges will see that this important suggestion is attended to.